THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The latest year for which the figures of Per Capita Income (Per Capita Net State Domestic Product) for Bihar are available, in 1985-86 (Quick Estimates) as supplied by the State Government and released by the Central Statistical Organisation. Accordingly, the Per Capita Income (Per Capita Net State Domestic Product) for Bihar in 1985-86 was Rs. 1548 at current prices and Rs. 486 at Constant (1970-71) prices.

Based on the quinquennial Household Consumer Expenditure Surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (N.S.S.O.), the Planning Commission works out the estimates of the number of persons living below the poverty line and their percentage in the population for the years relating to the Surveys. The latest Survey conducted by N.S.S.O. in this regard was in their 38th Round (1983) based on which Statewise estimates of number of persons living below the poverty line have been worked out by the Planning Commission for 1983-84. In respect of Bihar, it was accordingly estimated that the number of persons living below the poverty line in 1983-84 was 365.5 lakhs (329.4 lakhs in rural areas and 36.1 lakhs in urban areas).

(b) The comparative figures relating to Per Capita Income (Per Capita Net Domestic Product) and the number of persons living below the poverty line in various States are given in the 3 Statements (attached), as per particulars given below. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 35].

Statement 1 and 2 give the Per Capita Net State Domestic Product at current prices and a constant (1970-71) prices for various States for the period 1979-80 to 1985-86 (Quick Estimates) based on the figures furnished by the State Governments and released by the Central Statistical Organisation.

Statement 3 gives the number and percentage of population living below the poverty line by States, separately for rural and urban areas, for 1983-84, based on the latest Household Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by N.S.S.O. in 1983 (38th Round).

Profits of Regional Rural Banks

698. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than two-thirds of the Regional Rural Banks in the country are making losses and if so, the State-wise amount of profit and loss of Regional Rural Banks at the end of 1986;

(b) what are the major recommendations of the Government Committee on Regional Rural Banks and whether Government have accepted these recommendations; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard to make these banks viable and whether any representations received from their employees' associations would also be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According to the latest data available, out of 188 regional rural banks (RRBs) 152 were in loss as at the end of December, 1985. The State-wise position is indicated in the Statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 36.]

(b) and (c) The Working Group on Regional Rural Banks had *inter-alia* gone into the question of losses incurred by RRBs and made a number of recommendations for improving their viability. In pursuance of the recommendations made by the Working Group, the following decisions have been taken for improving the performance and viability of RRBs:—

(i) additional share caiptal may be sanctioned to RRBs with satisfactory track record;

(ii) interest rate of refinance provided by sponsoring banks has been lowered;

(iii) funds for SLR requirements be invested in securities of better yield;

(iv) the scope of lending should be enlarged; and

(v) the sponsoring banks should play a more active role in fund management, staff training and internal audit.

Representations received from time to time from employees' association are considered by the Government for taking such action as may be deemed appropriate.

Doordarshan Film 'Touch of Glory'

699. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan propose to telecast a film on the Indian Air Force called 'Touch of Glory' on the national network;

(b) what is the theme and the language of the film, its duration and the timeslot allotted to it;

(c) whether Doordarshan also propose to produce and telecast films on the Indian Army and the Navy and on other topical interests also; and

(d) whether efforts have been made to telecast such films as sponsored programmes and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) No such film has been offered to Doordarshan for telecasts. The particulars of the film are, therefore, not known.

(c) and (d) Doordarshan is already telecasting programmes on Indian Army and Navy regularly. However, no films on these subjects have been offered to Doordarshan by outside producers as sponsored programmes.

Risk Capital Foundation

700. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Risk Capital Foundation', a financial institution sponsored by a Central Financial Institution sponsored by a Central Financial Institution is providing 'Seed Capital' loan/assistance only to Multi-National, MRTP/Big Business Houses and Influencial medium Industrial Houses and negative Loan assistance to the small-scale sector whereas the present Government policy is to encourage the small-scale sector under the new 20 point Programme; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to ensure that the small-scale sector could get the full benefit from the 'Risk Capital Foundation' as per the Government's policies regarding the small-scale sector development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) have reported that the Risk Capital Foundation, sponsored by them, provides financial assistance on soft terms to first generation entrepreneurs for meeting a part of their contribution for setting up of medium and large sized industrial projects with project cost normally ranging between Rs. 2 crores and Rs. 15 crores. Risk Capital Foundation has not provided any risk/seed loan/assistance to the promoters of multi-national/MRTP/big business houses. As regards assistance to the small-scale sector, the IDBI operates a scheme of Seed Capital Assistance for this sector.

Financial assistance by NABARD

701. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance, the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development are providing to the entrepreneurs to generate employment in the field of industry, business, trading, agricultural inputs manufacturing/marketing in rural/semi-urban areas and whether